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2013 SCHOOL ELECTION CALENDAR

The annual election for school districts shall be held between the second Tuesday in April and the third Tuesday in June (SDCL 13-7-10). The days to the right are found to be the most common. A school district may choose an alternative date.	MUNICIPAL Second Tuesday in April	PRIMARY First Tuesday after the first Monday in June	TRADITIONAL Third Tuesday in June
The school board shall set the date of the Annual School Election no later than the first regular meeting in January. (13-7-10)	April 9 th	June 4 th	June 18 th
The person in charge of the election must notify the Secretary of State when the election will take place by e-mail, letter, fax, or telephone. (12-2-7)	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately
Publish notice of vacancies and time and place for filing petitions each week for two consecutive weeks. (9-13-6 , 05:02:04:14 , 13-7-5 , & 13-7-10.4)	January 15 th - January 30 th	February 15 th - March 1 st	March 15 th - March 30 th
Earliest date to begin petition circulation and earliest date to file nominating petition. (13-7-10.2 , 13-7-10.4 & 13-7-6)	January 25 th	March 1 st	April 9 th
Publish first deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. (12-4-5.2 & 05:02:04:04)	March 4 th - March 8 th	April 29 th - May 3 rd	May 13 th - May 17 th
Deadline for filing nominating petition. (13-7-10.2 , 13-7-10.4 & 13-7-6)	February 22 nd 5:00 pm	March 26 th 5:00 pm	May 10 th 5:00 pm
Deadline for submission of written request to withdraw candidate's name from nomination. (13-7-7)	February 22 nd 5:00 pm	March 26 th 5:00 pm	May 10 th 5:00 pm
Publish last deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. (12-4-5.2 & 5:02:04:04)	March 11 th - March 15 th	May 6 th - May 10 th	May 20 th - May 24 th
Deadline for voter registration. (15 days before election) (12-4-5)	March 25 th	May 20 th	June 3 rd
Absentee ballots must be made available no later than 15 days prior to the election. (13-7-13)	March 25 th	May 20 th	June 3 rd
Publish notice of election that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. First publication must be at least 10 days before election. (13-7-8 & 05:02:04:15)	March 25 th - April 5 th	May 20 th - May 31 st	June 3 rd - June 14 th
Publish facsimile ballot in the calendar week before the election. The calendar week falls from the Monday to the Saturday of the week prior to the Tuesday of Election Day. (13-7-8)	April 1 st - April 6 th	May 27 th - June 1 st	June 10 th - June 15 th

Automatic tabulating systems only. Conduct a public test of the system. Must publish notice 48 hours before test. (12-17B-5 & 5:02:09:01.01)	March 30 th - April 8 th	May 25 th - June 3 rd	June 8 th - June 17 th
Election Day. Polls open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. (13-7-10)	April 9 th	June 4 th	June 18 th
Deadline for the official canvass. (13-7-18)	Next meeting	Next meeting	Next meeting

Note: If the school election is combined with a municipal election on a date other than the 2nd Tuesday in April, all dates follow [SDCL 13-7](#) (except when combined with the county for a primary election).

Notify County Auditor: Contact your County Auditor when you know you will have an election and ask if he/she can be available from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on that date to answer questions regarding voter registration.